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A conference of the Antifa Committee was held in Vienna on 20 October 1949. Under discussion was what to do, in case of a conclusion of the State Treaty and the subsequent withdrawal of Soviet troops, with persons who exposed themselves for the Communist Party in a more than average way. It was announced that organizations to care for such persons are being prepared in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. Dr. Heinrich Duermayer, the former chief of the Vienna state police, and Max Umschweif, the former section chief of the Vienna state police are now in Prague for this purpose. Dr. Duermayer and Umschweif were characterized as the most dangerous Communist Party members.

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Comment:

It is known that Dr. Duermayer made several trips by order of the KPOe in 1949. He is charged by the Central Committee with the establishment of connections with the neighboring Communist Parties. He also visited Eastern Germany and contacted the SED. He is the Austrian representative in the International Union of the Former Politically Persecuted.

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